



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda APRIL 14-15, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING

Red Lion River Inn – Spokane
700 N. Division – Spokane, WA 99202 – Shoreline Ballroom
<https://www.redlion.com/river-inn-spokane/map-directions>

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

- 8:30 AM** **1. Call to Order** *15 min*
- a. Commissioners' Discussion
 - b. Meeting Minute Approval
- 8:45 AM** **2. Open Public Input** *20 min*
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- 9:05 AM** **3. Director's Report** *30 min*
- The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 9:35 AM** **4. The Rewilding of Washington State - Presentation** *30 min*
- The Reardan FFA Chapter Agricultural Issues team has developed a presentation about the rewilding of Washington State. The rewilding argument is based on three main principles – the students refer to them as the 3 C's of rewilding - Cores, Corridors and Carnivores.
- Presentation by: Reardan FFA Chapter Agricultural Issues Team
- 10:05 AM** **Break** *10 min*
- 10:15 AM** **5. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *20 min*
- The Commission will consider approval of various land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat and enhancement of public recreation opportunities.
- Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 10:35 AM** **6. Operation and Maintenance on Wildlife Area Lands and Access Sites – Briefing** *30 min*
- Department staff will provide a briefing on the funding, resources, and costs of operation and maintenance of WDFW wildlife areas and access sites.

Staff Report: Paul Dahmer, Wildlife Area Section Manager, and Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager, Wildlife Program

- 11:05 AM** **7. Grazing on WDFW Lands – Briefing** *30 min*
Department staff will provide a briefing on rules and commission policies regarding grazing on department lands.

Staff Report: Paul Dahmer, Wildlife Area Section Manager, and Jeff Burnham, Range Specialist, Wildlife Program
- 11:35 AM** **8. Deer Areas, Elk Areas, Special Closures and Firearm Restrictions – Decision** *15 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on proposed amendments to deer and elk area descriptions and firearm restrictions.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- 11:50 AM** **9. Deer General Seasons and Definitions, Deer and Elk Special Permits – Decision** *20 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on deer general seasons and definitions, and deer and elk special permits.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- 12:10 PM** **Lunch** *80 min*
- 1:30 PM** **10. Moose Seasons, Permit Quotas and Areas – Decision** *15 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on the proposed updates and amendment to moose seasons, permit quotas, and hunt areas.

Staff Report: Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- 1:45 PM** **11. Bighorn Sheep Seasons, Permits and Quotas – Decision** *20 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on proposed amendments to bighorn sheep permit levels and opportunities.

Staff Report: Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- 2:05 PM** **12. Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations – Decision** *20 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on the proposed updates and amendments to migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations.

Staff Report: Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- 2:25 PM** **Break** *15 min*

- 2:40 PM** **13. Landowner Hunting Permits and Small Game and Other Wildlife Seasons and Regulations – Decision** *15 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on proposed date adjustments to the landowner hunting permits seasons for 2017 and changes to the wildlife area names.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program

- 2:55 PM** **14. Special Hunting Season Permits – Decision** *10 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on proposed changes to the special hunting season permits regarding point restoration.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program

- 3:05 PM** **15. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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3:35 PM **Recess**

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- 8:30 AM** **16. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 9:00 AM** **17. Website Replacement Project, Outreach and Marketing – Briefing** *60 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the project to replace the current site with one that better meets the public’s need for well-organized information; complies with state and federal accessibility requirements; and is fully functional for all devices, including smart phones and other mobile platforms. Staff will also discuss the department’s collaborative community outreach and license marketing efforts.

Staff Report: Bruce Botka, Public Affairs and Community Outreach Manager and Peter Vernie, Licensing Division Manager

- 10:00 AM** **18. Enforcement Program Update – Briefing** *30 min*
Region 1 Enforcement Program staff will provide an overview of how they have focused on the agency goals through achieving the program’s strategic objectives and list detailed accomplishments.

Staff Report: Captain Dan Rahn, Region 1

10:30 AM 19. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

15 min

The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

10:45 AM Adjourn

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